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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2002, in the subject application. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendment "B"In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 25 and 31 as set forth below (a clean version is below and a marked version is in the Appendix hereto):

- B1
1. (twice amended) A specimen container, adapted to enable a user to inject or withdraw materials into or out of said container using a material transfer device with minimal risk of spills or leaks, comprising,
a receptacle having an opening;